

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A computerized, integrated emergency medical transportation database system having a demographic audit module, the system comprising:
 - a medical emergency database configured to store clinical encounter information, patient demographic data, and transport information; and
 - a demographic audit module in communication with the medical emergency database, wherein the demographic audit module is configured to:
 - determine whether sufficient patient demographic data exists in the medical emergency database, and
 - search other databases in an attempt to obtain missing demographic information; and
 - retrieve at least a portion of the missing demographic information from at least one of the other databases.
2. (Original) The system of Claim 1, wherein the demographic audit module is additionally configured to document one or more attempts to obtain any missing demographic information.
3. (Original) The system of Claim 1, wherein the demographic audit module is additionally configured to apply modifiable data collection rules associated with a payer type to determine whether sufficient patient demographic data exists in the medical emergency database.
4. (Original) The system of Claim 1, additionally comprising a billing module in communication with the medical emergency database, the billing module receiving data from the demographic audit module.
5. (Currently Amended) A method of auditing demographic data in an integrated emergency medical transportation database system, the method comprising:
 - collecting at least clinical encounter information, patient demographic data and transport information into a medical emergency database;

applying modifiable data collection rules associated with a payer type to determine whether sufficient patient demographic data exists in the medical emergency database;

searching other databases in an attempt to obtain missing demographic information;

retrieving at least a portion of the missing demographic information from at least one of the other databases; and

recording attempts to obtain missing demographic information.

6. (Original) The method of Claim 5, wherein the other databases are located within the emergency medical transportation database system.

7. (Original) The method of Claim 5, wherein the other databases are external to the emergency medical transportation database system and can be accessed via a network.

8. (Currently Amended) An integrated emergency medical transportation database system having a data accuracy filter module, the system comprising:

a medical emergency database configured to store clinical encounter information, patient demographic data, and transport information; and

a data accuracy filter module in communication with the medical emergency database, wherein the data accuracy filter module is configured to:

determine whether sufficient patient demographic data exists in the medical emergency database, and

search other databases to obtain any missing demographic information;

and

retrieve at least a portion of the missing demographic information from at least one of the other databases.

9. (Original) The system of Claim 8, wherein the data accuracy filter module is additionally configured to document one or more attempts to obtain missing demographic information.

10. (Original) The system of Claim 8, wherein the data accuracy filter module is additionally configured to apply data collection rules associated with a payer type to determine whether sufficient patient demographic data exists in the medical emergency database.

11. (Original) The system of Claim 8, additionally comprising a billing module in communication with the medical emergency database, the billing module receiving data from the data accuracy filter module.

12. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 1, wherein the patient demographic data comprises data specific to an insurance provider.

13. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 1, wherein the patient demographic data is based at least in part on criteria specific to the type of transport, the type of incident, or the type of patient.

14. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 1, wherein the transport information comprises information obtained about the transport after first contact by medical transport personnel.

15. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 4, wherein the billing module is configured to generate a bill based at least in part upon the data from the demographic audit module